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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2001 in the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the previous version(s) of the following claims and replace them with the following rewritten versions. Marked-up copy/copies showing the amendments since the previous version(s) is/are annexed as separate page(s)